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1. UNITED NEWS OF INDIA LTD. (UNI) REPORTED MARCH 19:

"NEW DELHI, MARCH 19 (UNI): INDIA AND THE SOVIET UNION TODAY  
SIGNED A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN APPLIED SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY FOR 1975-80.

2. "THE PROGRAMME WAS SIGNED BY DR. A. RAMACHANDRAN,  
SECRETARY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND  
MR. L N EFREMOV, FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, STATE COMMITTEE OF  
THE SOVIET COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

3. "UNDER THE PROGRAMME, THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL COOPERATE

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IN 22 RPT TWO TWO AREAS INCLUDING SOME NEW AREAS LIKE

ULTRA-HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC LINES, ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY, WELDING TECHNOLOGY, CORROSION PROTECTION OF METALS, PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS LIKE CANCER AND VIROLOGY AND POWDER METALLURGY.

4. "AN IMPORTANT AREA OF COOPERATION WILL BE CONVERSION OF COAL INTO PETROLEUM AND GAS.

5. "THE PROGRAMME ALSO ENVISAGES COOPERATION IN BUILDING MHD GENERATORS FOR POWER, STANDARDISATION, METEOROLOGY INCLUDING SATELLITES, STUDY OF MONSOONS AND WEATHER, TRANSFER OF WATER FROM ONE RIVER BASIN TO ANOTHER, APPLICATION OF BLASTING TECHNIQUES, AND STUDY OF SALINATION AND ALKALINE PROBLEMS OF SOIL.

6. "JOINT STUDIES IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF RUBBER , BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY, STORAGE OF GRAINS INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF SILOS ARE ALSO PLANNED UNDER THE FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME.

7. "MR. EFREMOV SAID A FEW COMPLEX COAL-CONVERSION PLANTS WERE BEING OPERATED IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF SOVIET UNION FOR PRODUCING LIQUID FUELS, GAS, AND CHEMICALS.

8. "HE SAID THE SOVIET UNION WAS PLANNING TO ORBIT GEOSTATIONARY SATELLITES OVER THE INDIAN OCEAN BETWEEN 1976 AND 1978 FOR WEATHER FORECASTS."

9. EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH INDIA AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE ANNOUNCED SEVERAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OVER THE YEARS THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT SUCH A DETAILED LIST OF AGREED PROJECTS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.SAXBE

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